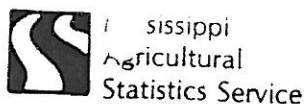


MISSISSIPPI WEEKLY WEATHER & CROP REPORT



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WEATHER SUMMARY (NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE): Not available.

CROP SUMMARY: There were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork last week compared to 3.1 days last year and 3.0 for the 5-year average. Soil moisture was rated 62% adequate, 35% surplus and 3% excessive, with a temperature of 62 degrees. Hay supply was rated 54% very short and 46% short, while feed grain was rated 31% short and 69% adequate. The main farm activities were land preparation, planting crops, and shop work.

CROP PROGRESS IN PERCENTAGES					CROP CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES				
Crop Event		THIS YEAR	1990	5-YR AVG	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
WHEAT	JOINTING	83	89	84	2	2	62	40	4
	HEADING	16	29	*					
RICE	PLANTED	9	5	*					
	EMERGED	5	0	*					
CORN	PLANTED	52	29	31		2	29	67	2
	EMERGED	35	19	16					
COTTON	PLANTED	3	0	*					
SORGHUM	PLANTED	25	7	*					
WATERMELONS	PLANTED	42	41	29					
PASTURE						9	37	48	6
LIVESTOCK						6	32	49	13

*Not Available

COMMENTS

CALHOUN CO AGT "Wet weather continues to delay field work. With a few days of dry weather most cotton land will be rowed-up and fertilized. Most wheat looking good in spite of delayed nitrogen applications."

ISSAQUENA CO AGT "Most producers are ready to plant cotton as soon as it gets dry enough and warm enough."

TALLAHATCHIE CO AGT "Rains continue to delay land preparation."

DESOTO SCS "Continued wet weather is hampering land preparation. Cold weather over the 30th and 31st doesn't seem to have damaged wheat or fruit trees, but only time will tell."

MADISON CO AGT "Wheat looks good. Very little rust and septoria at this point. Winter grazing looking good. Making progress in getting ready to plant cotton."

CLARKE CO AGT "If weather continues to cooperate, we should have a bumper peach crop. Winter grazing could use a rain."

FORREST CO AGT "Corn planting near completion, diseases on wheat are light."

PERRY CO AGT "Hessian fly damage is being discovered in several varieties of wheat. Yield expected to be cut by 50% in some heavily infested fields."

RANKIN CO AGT "Severe weather destroyed a lot of timber. Three hundred to four hundred acres of corn were heavily damaged by hail. Some chickens were lost due to flooding."

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